



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held April 29, 2003, the Board took the following action:

101-A

Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“Recently, at the Sheriff’s Station in San Dimas, an inmate worker escaped from the Station but was recaptured and taken back into custody without incident. It was determined that this inmate worker used a ‘Volunteers on Patrol’ vehicle to facilitate his escape. What is ironic is that this particular inmate was serving a one-year sentence for taking a vehicle without the owner’s consent.

“Sheriff’s vehicles, including marked, unmarked, and civilian vehicles, should have restricted access, and tight controls should be in place with respect to ensuring that the vehicles are always locked and secured. There appears to be some oversight concerning vehicle control, and from a public safety and a risk management perspective, it is important that these controls be heightened or enforced.

“In addition, in recent months, inmate workers from several Sheriff’s Stations have walked away from these facilities. Tighter controls or supervision of these inmates should be initiated in the interests of public safety.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Sheriff was requested to report back to the Board within 30 days concerning the investigation of the incident whereby a San Dimas Sheriff Station inmate worker escaped from the Station using a "Volunteers on Patrol" vehicle, with report to include:

1. Any corrective and disciplinary action, and including measures to improve or enhance existing protocols to ensure that only authorized personnel has access to County vehicles; and
2. Implementation of heightened supervision and monitoring of inmate workers at Sheriff's facilities outside of the custody environment in order to prevent escapes.

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